

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RULES FOR TAX APPEALS

California Code of Regulations

Title 18. Public Revenues

Division 2.1. State Board of Equalization – Rules for Tax Appeals

Chapter 6: Taxpayer Bill of Rights Reimbursement Claims

5601. ELIGIBLE CLAIMS.

Only those expenses that were incurred after the date of the notice of determination, jeopardy determination or claim for refund in business or property tax cases and after the date of filing an appeal to the Board in corporate franchise and income tax cases are eligible for reimbursement. Expenses incurred in a business tax or Timber Yield Tax case are “related to a hearing before the board” and reimbursable only if the claimant sought Board review of an unfavorable Decision and Recommendation issued by the Appeals Division and only if the Board finds that the action taken by Board Staff was unreasonable. To determine whether Board Staff has been unreasonable, the Board will consider whether Board Staff has established that its position was substantially justified. This means that a taxpayer whose petition for redetermination or claim for refund is not granted does not have an eligible claim. All expenses incurred in corporate franchise or income tax appeals to the Board are “related to a hearing before the board.”

Note: Authority cited: Section 15606(a), Government Code; Section 893, Public Utilities Code; and Sections 7051, 8251, 9251, 11651, 30451, 32451, 38701, 40171, 41128, 43501, 44003, 45851, 46601, 50152, 55301 and 60601, Revenue and Taxation Code.

Reference: Sections 7091, 8269, 9269, 11657, 21013, 30458.9, 32469, 38708, 40209, 41169, 43520, 45865, 46620, 50156.9, 55330 and 60630, Revenue and Taxation Code.

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